

**MEMORANDUM OF ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT
OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
AND THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF NEW ZEALAND AND THE NEW
ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE CONCERNING DEFENSE
COOPERATION**

The **DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES** and the **ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES** and the **MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF NEW ZEALAND** and the **NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE** (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants");

DESIRING to further strengthen and develop bilateral relations by promoting and increasing defense cooperation between them;

RECALLING that the Philippines and New Zealand share many common interests in international defense and security;

ACKNOWLEDGING the mutual benefits to be derived from mutual cooperation in defense;

CONSIDERING that the enhancement of the defense relationship between the Participants will be instrumental in promoting mutual understanding and trust between them, as well as in contributing to peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region;

PURSUANT to the prevailing laws and regulations as well as policies of their respective countries:

HAVE ENTERED INTO THIS MEMORANDUM OF ARRANGEMENT:

**PARAGRAPH 1
OBJECTIVE**

This Memorandum of Arrangement will provide a framework for cooperation between the Participants in the field of defense on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

**PARAGRAPH 2
SCOPE OF COOPERATION**

The Participants will conduct the following defense cooperation activities subject to their respective laws and regulations:

- a. High-Level Exchanges
 - i. Bilateral meetings between their Defense Ministers; and
 - ii. Regular dialogue between senior defense and armed forces officials.
- b. Education and Capacity Building
- c. Training Activities and Exercises;
- d. Information Exchanges;
- e. Multilateral Cooperation;
 - i. ASEAN Defense Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM Plus); and